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Overall orientation

17.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

17.2 Consistent with the legislative mandates and within existing processes, ECE will promote sustainable development and regional cooperation and integration through (a) policy dialogue, (b) normative work and (c) regional networks of experts.

17.3 The programme will also promote technical cooperation with economies in transition, with a view to assisting them in acceding to and implementing international legal instruments, norms and standards. These less advanced countries will be the main beneficiaries of ECE technical cooperation: policy advice, capacity-building and field projects.

17.4 The programme will be implemented in collaboration with national governments, international, regional, subregional organizations and financial institutions, the private sector, academia, civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

17.5 Due consideration will be given to the gender dimension of development, given that women constitute half of the population and are active agents and beneficiaries of sustainable development in the region. Gender equality and the empowerment of women are cross-cutting issues of ECE subprogrammes. In addition, the programme will focus on women in the economy and promote women's entrepreneurship in the region.

17.6 ECE will also pursue system-wide coherence in programme delivery to avoid overlap and reduce duplication, multiply effect, increase impact and ensure sustainability of its work. To this end, ECE will contribute to the work of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs, the Inter-agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, UN-Energy and UN-Water at the global level. At the regional level, the Commission will provide leadership to the Regional Coordination Mechanism and will be actively engaged in the work of the Regional Directors Team for Europe and Central Asia. At the country level, it will assist economies in transition in their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, by supporting the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and One United Nations programmes.

17.7 Cooperation and coordination with other regional commissions will be ensured through regular meetings of the executive secretaries, chiefs of programme planning and focal points either directly or through the Regional Commissions New York Office.

17.8 The United Nations Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia, jointly implemented by ECE and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will serve as the major framework for cooperation of ECE with other relevant stakeholders in Central Asia, in particular the International Fund for the Aral Sea, the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia and the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan.

17.9 Greening the economy is the overarching theme of the ECE programme in this biennium. The theme will enable the Commission to ensure synergies and linkages among all eight of its subprogrammes: (1) environment; (2) transport; (3) statistics; (4) economic cooperation and integration; (5) sustainable energy; (6) trade; (7) forestry and timber; and (8) housing, land management and population. It will also put the work of the Commission in a broader context of sustainable development based on three interdependent and mutually supportive pillars: economic development; social development; and environmental development.

17.10 Building on the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post-2015 Millennium Development Goals, ECE, in particular, will promote: (a) regulations that increase safety and efficiency of vehicles, improve road safety and reduce noise, air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions from the transport sector; (b) integrated policies that promote the sustainable development of transport and the transport infrastructure, including intermodal transport (road, rail and inland waterway), urban transport, alternative modes of transport and healthy lifestyles (cycling and walking) in the region; (c) policies for a transition to an economically viable, environmentally friendly and socially inclusive sustainable energy future through energy efficiency, cost-effective renewable energy and cleaner electricity production; (d) policies for affordable and energy-efficient housing; (e) methods for monitoring environmental vulnerabilities and sustainable development; (f) policies for the sustainable management of natural resources (water, forestry, land); (g) best practices in innovative, knowledge-based development and private-public partnerships; and (h) trade standards and regulations that reduce hazards and risks.

17.11 To ensure linkages between those areas of work and employment, decent work and poverty reduction, ECE will strengthen its strategic partnership with relevant United Nations system and international organizations, including the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme.

17.12 As a follow-up to the Seventh "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference, held from 21 to 23 September 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan, ECE will promote the implementation of the Regional Roadmap for the Green Economy and the Astana Water Action.

Subprogramme 1
Environment

Objective of the Organization: To safeguard the environment and health, improve environmental management throughout the region and further promote integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies and of environmental concerns into the economy

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved response to environmental challenges in the ECE region by ECE constituencies	(a) (i) Number of regional and subregional measures taken by ECE constituencies in response to existing and emerging environmental challenges (ii) Number of ECE constituencies to which technical assistance and/or advisory services were provided
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional environmental commitments	(b) Increased number of parties reporting progress in implementing legally binding instruments
(c) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	(c) Increased number of countries using the ECE guidelines for applying environmental indicators
(d) Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition	(d) Increased number of countries showing progress in environmental performance

Strategy

17.13 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment Division. In line with its objective, the subprogramme will emphasize a country needs-based approach in carrying out its activities. It will focus on building the capacity of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in environmental policy and management, including for the effective implementation of environmental legislation.

17.14 The subprogramme will continue to conduct environmental performance reviews and assist countries to implement the recommendations of their national environmental performance reviews. Furthermore, it will monitor the impact of such recommendations on policy formulation and implementation. The subprogramme will also assist to build capacity for environmental observation and reporting, which will contribute in providing timely and accurate environmental data to improve monitoring and assessment in these countries. The ECE guidelines on the application of environmental indicators will be further promoted for use by member States for environmental monitoring and assessment.

17.15 While taking into account the Millennium Development Goals, the subprogramme will further promote sustainable development in the ECE region and

the implementation of the outcomes of regional environment and sustainable development conferences, in particular the outcomes of the Seventh "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference (Astana, Kazakhstan, 2011).

17.16 Actions will be taken to further integrate environment into other sectoral policies through intersectoral programmes and projects, including education for sustainable development; transport, health and environment; as well as water and health. Particular attention will be given to activities in the field of green economy. The Commission will also improve cross-border environmental security in cooperation with other regional and international organizations. Cross-sectoral work will also include the promotion of synergies and cooperation between the ECE legally binding instruments.

17.17 Emphasis will be placed on supporting the implementation of regional and subregional agreements and action programmes, as well as multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships resulting from, inter alia, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Objective of the Organization: To promote the international movement of goods and mobility of persons by inland transport modes and improve traffic safety, environmental performance, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened legal and regulatory framework for international land transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport), including transport infrastructure, border-crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, vehicle construction and other transport-related services	(a) (i) Increased share of legal instruments administered by ECE in force relative to the total number of United Nations legal instruments on transport which are administered by ECE (ii) Number of new vehicle regulations and amendments (iii) Number of international legal instruments amended to reflect the latest revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(b) Greater geographical coverage and more effective implementation of ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport	(b) (i) Increased number of Contracting Parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by ECE

	(ii) Number of mechanisms in place for monitoring the implementation as agreed by member States
(c) Enhanced capacity in ECE member States, particularly in landlocked developing countries, for the development of the pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure and transport facilitation measures	(c) (i) Increased number of Contracting Parties to four key transport infrastructure agreements
	(ii) Increased number of United Nations Member States participating in ECE subregional transport infrastructure projects
(d) Strengthened capacity to implement relevant ECE legal instruments, norms and standards, in particular in the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	(d) (i) Percentage of participants who rated workshops, seminars and other capacity-building activities as useful for their future work
	(ii) Increased number of ECE member States having established road safety improvement targets

Strategy

17.18 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The subprogramme will focus on four broad functional areas: (a) further development of legal and regulatory framework for international land transport; (b) improved implementations of the existing legal and regulatory framework; (c) strengthening of the national capacity for the development of pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure as well as transport and trade facilitation; and (d) capacity-building activities in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

17.19 Further development of the legal and regulatory framework for international land transport will be achieved through new instruments and recommendations on various transport areas as well as through the updating and improvement of the 58 existing agreements, regulations and recommendations. This will cover all modes of inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal), as well as areas of special interest, for example, vehicle regulations and transport of dangerous goods. This will be achieved through active collaboration with member Governments and other stakeholders, consensus building and reaching agreements at relevant ECE intergovernmental meetings on transport, as well as through the work of administrative committees of conventions and agreements.

17.20 The Secretariat will intensify efforts to promote new accessions to the United Nations legal instruments administered by ECE. Their implementation will be promoted and surveyed through improved monitoring mechanisms. To this end, the incorporation of certain United Nations legal instruments (for example, vehicle regulations and transport of dangerous goods) in the European Union Community *acquis* by the European Commission will continue to play an important role.

17.21 To promote pan-European and Euro-Asian economic integration, emphasis will be placed on regional and subregional cooperation activities, particularly in

support for the development of transport infrastructure. Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links will be promoted in cooperation with ESCAP, other international organizations and member States. Strengthening of transport links between Europe and Africa and between Europe and the Middle East, including across the Mediterranean, will be promoted in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Transport and trade facilitation will focus on transit and border-crossing facilitation. In particular, it will be mainstreamed, inter alia, through the implementation of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, including pilot projects for the measurement of border-crossing performance. The special needs of landlocked transition economies and their transit neighbours will be addressed through technical assistance and analytical work.

17.22 Special attention will be given to further strengthening national capacity of countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to implement relevant ECE legal instruments, norms and standards through advisory missions, seminars and workshops. Capacity-building activities will be organized in cooperation with interested Governments requesting such assistance, and with the assistance of international experts and staff of the Division.

17.23 Cooperation and partnerships will be strengthened with the European Union and other international organizations active in the field of transport, such as the International Transport Forum. In order to improve global road safety in response to General Assembly resolutions, cooperation will continue with the other regional commissions and with all other partners of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration. The public-private dialogue will be scaled up through closer cooperation with non-governmental organizations representing transport operators, relevant industries, transport users and consumers.

17.24 The work on new multisectoral projects will continue, with particular attention to improving energy efficiency of road vehicles in response to global warming concerns, while existing projects (inter alia, on transport health and environment, trade and transport facilitation, global supply chains and competitiveness) will be carried out and completed through the work of expert groups, in collaboration with interested member States and other stakeholders.

17.25 The Division will continue to service the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its subsidiary bodies.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Objective of the Organization: To improve the quality of official statistics at the national and international levels, and to ensure the coordination of international statistical activities undertaken in the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Streamlined international statistical work	(a) (i) Number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities to the Database of International Statistical Activities maintained by ECE
	(ii) Number of statistical areas reviewed in depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians
(b) Updated and newly developed standards, methodologies and practices to enhance international comparability of statistics	(b) (i) Number of new or revised international statistical standards and/or recommendations developed with ECE contribution
	(ii) Number of statistical areas (according to the Database of International Statistical Activities classification) to which ECE makes substantive methodological contribution
(c) Improved national capacities to implement international standards in official statistics, including Millennium Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators, by ECE member States, particularly by those with less advanced statistical systems	(c) (i) Number of ECE member States which develop and implement national strategies for sustainable development of statistics in line with recommendations of global assessments
	(ii) Percentage of national experts that express satisfaction with the relevance and quality of ECE advisory services, training courses and workshops
(d) Improved availability in the ECE database of reliable, relevant, timely and comparable statistics, including Millennium Development Goals indicators and gender disaggregated data, to support evidence-based policymaking of ECE member States	(d) (i) Number of statistical data time series available in the ECE database
	(ii) Percentage of users that express satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database

Strategy

17.26 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division. The subprogramme aims to improve the quality of official statistics for evidence-

based economic, social and environmental policymaking, and for assessing progress towards international development goals.

17.27 Coordinating international statistical activities in the region will remain a central component of the strategy under the subprogramme. The strong involvement of national statistical organizations in setting the priorities will ensure that the work focuses on issues of current concern for countries. Cooperation with the statistical services of other international organizations will continue in the form of joint meetings and working groups to develop methodologies, standards, recommendations and best practices. The subprogramme will maintain a Database of International Statistical Activities as a tool to support coordination.

17.28 The subprogramme will focus on a selected number of subject areas, in particular those where ECE can provide added value and complement the international statistical work. The work will be undertaken in close cooperation with experts from ECE member States and international organizations in the form of expert groups that perform specific tasks within a set time frame. The work will result in the development of methodological and practical guidelines and leading practices in statistics, including training materials available on the Web. Public access to all related documents will ensure transparency and accountability.

17.29 The subprogramme will provide support to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia as well as South-East Europe regarding existing United Nations standards and best practices and their implementation at the national level. To this end, the subprogramme will promote the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and provide advice on institutional frameworks of official statistics, for example, by conducting global assessments of national statistical systems. The advisory work will be demand-driven, focusing on areas where United Nations standards and recommendations exist, such as population censuses, the Millennium Development Goals, national accounts, prices, business statistics, gender disaggregated statistics, environmental indicators and streamlining statistical production.

17.30 The subprogramme will collect and disseminate economic and social data, including on progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and gender equality. Data will be accessible to the public on the Internet. A quality framework will ensure the relevance, timeliness and user-friendliness of data dissemination. The data will offer insights into national statistics and help to identify priorities for improvement of the quality and comparability of official statistics.

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

Objective of the Organization: To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment more conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities in the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased knowledge of good practices and policies on financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities leading to the formulation of related ECE policy recommendations	(a) Number of policy recommendations resulting from the exchange of good practices and policy experience among member States
(b) Enhanced implementation of the aforementioned ECE policy recommendations	(b) Increased number of measures taken by Governments and other stakeholders to implement the policy recommendations
(c) Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement the aforementioned ECE policy recommendations	(c) Increased number of country-level activities resulting from ECE capacity-building events and training materials

Strategy

17.31 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division. In order to achieve its objective, the subprogramme will take up key aspects of knowledge-based economic development, economic cooperation and integration and focus mainly on countries with economies in transition. It will facilitate the application of experience gained, lessons learned and good practices conducive to economic growth and innovative development. Building on the normative work carried out within the subprogramme and reflecting the changing needs of member States, recommendations will be drawn aimed at improving policies, as well as developing a sound financial and regulatory environment for economic development, investment and innovation. Drawing on progress achieved during the period 2010-2013, policy advisory services and capacity-building activities to requesting countries will be organized on the basis of the related policy dialogue, exchange of experiences and good practices, as well as guidelines and other policy-related documents. Efforts will be made to raise further the profile of technical cooperation activities under the subprogramme while preserving a balance between policy-oriented normative work and technical cooperation.

17.32 Building, inter alia, on relevant work carried out by other organizations and institutions, as well as contributions mobilized from external experts, advisers and decision makers, in particular those from countries with economies in transition, an enhanced exchange of experience and policy debate among member States and other stakeholders will be prioritized. Thematic teams of specialists and networks of experts involving representatives of Governments, international organizations,

business associations and other stakeholders will provide a platform for the exchange of national policy experience and the identification of good practices. Subsequently, member States are expected to apply these outputs in drawing up relevant policy recommendations, guidelines and other regulatory and normative measures. The results of the subprogramme's work will be broadly disseminated to all interested stakeholders and will serve as the basis for technical cooperation activities organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with Member States, such as policy advisory services and capacity-building workshops, including within the framework of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia. Drawing on the achievements in policy-oriented normative work and advisory technical cooperation services, wider implementation of policy recommendations developed under the subprogramme will be pursued.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Objective of the Organization: To move towards a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy and the fuller integration of the energy infrastructure and energy markets of the countries in the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved international dialogue among governments, industry and other stakeholders on sustainable energy issues, in particular, energy security, energy affordability and energy-related environmental impacts	(a) (i) Increased percentage of participants who contribute to policy discussions on securing affordable and sustainable energy (ii) Increased percentage of respondents to a web-based survey on sustainable energy issues who find participation in policy dialogue useful
(b) Improved overall energy efficiency, including energy efficiency market formation across the ECE region	(b) (i) Increased number of energy efficiency investment projects developed under the ECE energy efficiency 21 programmes that have been approved for financing in economies in transition (ii) Increased number of national representatives and experts able to identify, develop and submit project proposals for energy efficiency investments
(c) Strengthened formulation and implementation of ECE recommendations/ guidelines, best practices and other normative instruments for sustainable energy development	(c) (i) Increased number of countries that apply the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in their fossil energy and uranium resources management (ii) Increased number of capacity-building events to disseminate coal mine methane best practices globally

Strategy

17.33 Responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Energy Division. The subprogramme will promote cooperation and policy dialogue among governments, energy industries and other stakeholders to foster sustainable energy development in member States. The focus of the subprogramme will be on securing an affordable and sustainable energy supply and enhancing progress towards a sustainable energy future in the region. The subprogramme will engage with all members of the United Nations energy community across the range of its activities, with special attention to global processes and mechanisms. ECE will also engage with other regional commissions to accelerate the uptake of economic energy efficient technology, to support cost-effective programmes and policies for new and renewable energy sources, to improve the economic productivity of the full energy value chain, and to disseminate knowledge and approaches with global application.

17.34 The subprogramme will work to improve the overall efficiency of the energy system, from source to use, in order to ensure full and fair access to energy services, improve the energy intensity of ECE economies and reduce progressively the carbon intensity of the sector, including, among other things, the cost-effective introduction of new and renewable energy sources. The subprogramme will work to provide, as needed, policy support, capacity-building and performance benchmarking on energy productivity on behalf of member States. It will promote effective energy network systems across the region tailored to optimize operating efficiencies, improve overall regional cooperation and achieve sustained improvements in energy efficiency. ECE will continue to coordinate its activities with other international organizations to ensure the efficient use of resources and avoid duplication. The subprogramme will support projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will promote projects for gas infrastructure and transportation networks. In order to promote energy efficiency improvements and progress with new and renewable energy sources at the global level, ECE will develop a more systematic exchange of experiences on capacity-building, policy reforms, performance benchmarking and investment project finance among countries of other regions, in cooperation with other United Nations regional commissions. The subprogramme will assist member States in integrating their energy economies and infrastructure more fully into the region and the global economy, increasing energy security, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting the cost-effective use of new and renewable energy sources, enhancing the performance of energy industries and contributing to the long-term supply of fossil fuels through the adoption of normative instruments.

17.35 The subprogramme will contribute to the development, extension and implementation of ECE policy recommendations and normative instruments and assist Member States through training programmes, technical assistance, preparation of investment projects, and monitoring and reporting on progress and performance.

Subprogramme 6
Trade

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate trade and trade-related economic cooperation among countries of the ECE region and with the rest of the world

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption and increased implementation by member States of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business	(a) (i) The number of new and/or revised ECE recommendations, norms, standards and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business approved by member States
	(ii) The number of downloads of key trade facilitation and electronic business recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools from the ECE Internet site, as a proxy for their use
	(iii) The number of countries in which ECE took action in response to their requests for assistance in the promotion and implementation of trade facilitation and electronic business instruments
(b) Adoption by member States of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for regulatory cooperation	(b) The number of new and/or revised recommendations and tools for regulatory cooperation approved by member States
(c) Adoption and increased implementation by member States of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for agricultural quality standards	(c) (i) The number of new and/or revised recommendations and standards on agriculture produce adopted by member States
	(ii) The total number of implementations of ECE agricultural quality standards by member States
	(iii) The number of downloads of recommendations and standards on agricultural produce from the ECE Internet site, as a proxy for their use
(d) Enhanced national capacity of member States for trade policy development and implementation	(d) (i) The number of national action matrices for trade development agreed upon with countries
	(ii) The number of national trade needs assessments with recommendations approved by beneficiary countries

17.36 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division. The subprogramme supports Millennium Development Goal 8 by contributing to the establishment of an open, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory trading system, especially in the less economically developed and landlocked countries of the ECE region. It also takes into account the importance accorded to trade as a key vehicle for economic growth, the elimination of poverty, and greater regional cooperation and stability in other major United Nations outcomes.

17.37 The subprogramme will aim to reduce barriers to trade caused by differences in trade procedures, standards and documents, as well as differences in regulatory approaches and standards for manufactured and agricultural products that hamper market access. More concretely, it will develop and promote:

(a) Simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce through the development and maintenance of international trade facilitation instruments, especially to support international supply chains and the integration of countries into the global economy. These instruments include global standards and best practices for moving from paper-based to automated electronic processes and for the harmonization and simplification of business practices used in international trade;

(b) A predictable, transparent and harmonized regulatory environment for commerce and business through strengthening of the convergence of regulations, as well as through the promotion of international standards and best practices in areas of regulatory cooperation, conformity assessment and market surveillance;

(c) Trade in agricultural produce through the development of up-to-date agricultural quality standards used by Governments for regulatory purposes and the private sector, as well as through explanatory brochures based on these standards in cooperation with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables, and the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

17.38 The subprogramme will also support Governments, with a special emphasis on the less economically developed and landlocked countries of the region, in the national and regional adaptation and implementation of ECE trade-related standards and recommendations, including their integration into national and regional trade facilitation strategies, trade policy and regulatory regimes.

17.39 The subprogramme will draw on the work of its intergovernmental bodies and expert groups and will reinforce cooperation with principal partners, which include international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the International Organization for Standardization, the World Customs Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, FAO, the Bank for International Settlements, the World Bank, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and other United Nations regional commissions; subregional groupings and organizations such as the European Commission, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Eurasian Economic Community, the Eurasian Economic Commission, the Central European Initiative; and a wide variety of private sector organizations.

Subprogramme 7
Forestry and timber

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding and better monitoring of the forest sector, to support sustainable forest management	(a) (i) Increased percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management (ii) Increased percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management (iii) Percentage of ECE member States able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire (which monitors the sound use of wood) (iv) Percentage of policymakers and other stakeholders who regard selected policy forums and workshops as useful
(b) Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level	(b) Percentage of participants having used the information provided at capacity-building activities for policymaking

17.40 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division. The subprogramme will aim to: develop and apply analytical and monitoring tools for use both on policy issues and on developments on the ground; collect, validate and disseminate information and analysis; and stimulate the exchange of experience, best practices and joint efforts to measure progress. In addition, the subprogramme will provide a platform for topical discussions, taking into account the changing policy environment, notably as regards climate change and bioenergy. It will promote the role of forests in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

17.41 The subprogramme will promote the sustainable management of forests and the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw material and energy as well as forest services, based on appropriate policies and institutions. Priorities for 2014-2015 will be guided by: (a) the outcomes of work of ECE Timber Committee and European Forestry Commission (FAO); (b) relevant outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, which took place in June 2011; (c) continued efforts to address climate change and the transition to a green economy; and (d) the results of the strategic review conducted in 2012-2013.

17.42 While all ECE countries benefit from international cooperation through the subprogramme, special attention will be paid to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region to implement sustainable forest management through capacity-building activities, and by promoting their involvement in international activities in the region.

17.43 As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in cooperation with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (Forest Europe), and provide regional input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry.

17.44 To support forest management, including the use of wood and forest products that is ecologically, economically and socially sustainable, it is necessary: (a) to maintain a good balance among these factors, based on a strong consensus among all stakeholders about goals and methods; and (b) to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors through a cross-sectoral approach. Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation and interregional cooperation, through the forestry and timber subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, through the communication, sharing of experiences and definition of standard measurement tools (criteria and indicators) for sustainable forest management. At the same time, the changing needs of society and the impact of global developments will be guiding factors at the regional level.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

Objective of the Organization: To improve the housing, urban and land governance in the region as well as the necessary knowledge base on population issues, by strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved capacity for policy formulation and implementation in housing, planning and land administration in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-Eastern Europe	(a) (i) Increased number of countries that are engaged in ECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies and land administration systems (ii) Increased number of countries that report on their measures to improve housing policies and land management practices

(b) Strengthened implementation by countries of ECE guidelines on housing and land management, including on energy efficiency, informal settlements, transparency in land and real estate markets and on improved safety in buildings	(b) Increased number of countries that report on their measures to implement ECE guidelines
(c) Enhanced national policy formulation on population ageing and intergenerational and gender relations	(c) Increased number of countries that have adjusted their policies or introduced new measures for implementing the ECE Regional Strategy on Ageing

17.45 The subprogramme consists of two components with the responsibility vested in two Divisions: (a) Housing and Land Management in the Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, and (b) Population in the Statistics Division.

17.46 The housing and land management component of the subprogramme works to improve housing, as well as urban and land governance, in the region. It also promotes the implementation of: (a) the ECE strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first century, and (b) the Ministerial Declaration on Social and Economic Challenges in Distressed Urban Areas in the ECE Region. To achieve the expected results, the subprogramme will provide a forum for policy dialogue and exchange of experience, develop policy guidance and organize capacity-building activities in the areas of housing and land management to promote the implementation of ECE guidance and policy recommendations. This work, in particular, will focus on housing policy formulation and implementation, sustainable, energy-efficient housing, effective maintenance and management of the housing stock, increasing transparency in real estate markets, effective land administration and spatial planning.

17.47 In order to contribute to the efficient and transparent governance and improvement of the urban environment, continued efforts will be made to analyse and review the existing housing situation, including maintenance, renewal and new construction, energy efficiency measures and safety in buildings, legislation and housing finance. This process will lead to the development of policy recommendations and related capacity-building activities.

17.48 The housing and land management component of the subprogramme will also promote the implementation of ECE guidance in the areas of housing, including affordable and energy-efficient housing, informal settlements, climate neutral urban development and transparent real estate markets. In the area of land management, emphasis will be placed on the upgrading of land and real estate systems in order to provide secure ownership in land, ensure other private and public rights in real estate, and encourage investment. These objectives will be promoted through capacity-building activities, while regional model programmes and pilot projects, as well as public-private partnerships, will be encouraged.

17.49 The integration of housing policy with spatial planning, land administration, population and environmental policy will be promoted through policy recommendations and related capacity-building activities, with a special emphasis

on such cross-sectoral issues as urban response to climate change, energy efficiency in the housing sector and the housing needs of low-income segments of society.

17.50 The population component of the subprogramme works to ensure the implementation of the ECE Regional Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing with a view to meeting the challenges arising from demographic change and releasing the unused potential of some population groups, in particular, older persons. It provides a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters relating to ageing and facilitates communication between a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations. It also provides opportunities for exchange of experiences and best practices. It improves evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing by coordinating data collection and policy-oriented research on population ageing and intergenerational and gender relations.

17.51 The population component of the subprogramme also provides support to the development of national capacities for policy formulation in response to demographic change by providing policy advice on national action plans on ageing as well as capacity-building (training, workshops, seminars to national specialists and government officials).

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
61/210	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
62/208	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
62/277	System-wide coherence
63/11	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
63/14	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
63/15	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community

63/239	Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
63/281	Climate change and its possible security implications
64/141	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
64/193	Follow-up to and implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the outcome of the 2008 Review Conference (Doha Declaration on Financing for Development)
64/208	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/217	Women in development
64/236	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
65/1	Keeping the promise: united to achieve the Millennium Development Goals
65/10	Sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth for poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
65/124	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
65/129	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
65/152	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
65/159	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
65/172	Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

65/174	Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)
65/185	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
65/285	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
65/313	Follow-up to the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development
65/314	Modalities for the fifth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/14	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2009/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development adopted at the high-level segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16
2010/2	Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
2010/22	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2010/24	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health adopted at the high-level segment of the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council
2010/29	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2011/5	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women
2011/6	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2011/12	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/224	Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and Plan of Action
2011/247	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-fifth session

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

E/ECE/1434/ Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

Subprogramme 1
Environment

General Assembly resolutions

58/217	International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015
58/219	United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, 2005-2014

Economic and Social Council resolution

2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2002/8	Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment
ECE/AC.21/2009/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its third session
ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1	Ministerial Declaration "Save water, grow green!", 2011

Subprogramme 2
Transport

General Assembly resolutions

58/9	Global road safety crisis
58/201	Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries
63/2	Outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries
64/255	Improving global road safety

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
2011/25	Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2002/8	Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health

ECE/AC.21/2009/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its third session

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

General Assembly resolutions

63/155	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
64/132	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
65/170	International migration and development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1993/5	1993 System of National Accounts
2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity
2005/13	2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

Economic Commission for Europe decision

C (47)	The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the Region of the Economic Commission of Europe

United Nations Statistical Commission decisions

38/111	Statistical capacity-building
39/111	Collection and dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division
39/112	Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata
39/114	Development indicators
40/105	National accounts
40/110	Gender statistics
41/106	National accounts
42/102	Gender statistics
42/107	Short-term economic indicators
42/111	Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

General Assembly resolutions

63/303	Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development
64/223	Towards global partnerships
65/125	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
65/128	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
65/141	Information and communications technologies for development
65/168	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Economic and Social Council resolution

2007/30	Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

General Assembly resolutions

64/206	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
65/125	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community

Economic and Social Council resolution

2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/226	United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities
2004/233	United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources
2011/222	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines

Subprogramme 6
Trade

General Assembly resolutions

63/2	Outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries
65/140	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
65/141	Information and communications technologies for development
65/142	International trade and development
65/172	Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation
2004/64	International Conference on Financing for Development
2006/46	Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Economic and Social Council decision

1997/225	Economic Commission for Europe Recommendation 25, entitled "Use of the UN/EDIFACT Standard"

Subprogramme 7
Forestry and timber

General Assembly resolutions

54/218	Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests

Economic and Social Council resolution

2006/49	Outcome of the sixth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Other — United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992)

A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1	Non-Legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of all Types of Forests

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

General Assembly resolutions

57/275	Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
64/132	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
64/207	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
65/182	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014

Economic and Social Council resolution

2010/14	Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

United Nations Commission on Population and Development resolutions

2004/2	Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2009/1	The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals

United Nations Commission for Social Development resolution

47/3 (2009)	First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.30/2007/6	Leon Ministerial Declaration "A Society for all Ages: Challenges and Opportunities"
ECE/HBP/120	Strategy for a sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first century, endorsed at a ministerial meeting in 2000
ECE/HBP/142/Add.1	Ministerial Declaration on "Social and Economic Challenges in Distressed Urban Areas in the UNECE Region", adopted in 2006